

## COUNCIL, COM'L CLUB AGAINST FRISCO PLANS

Joint Committee Appointed to Settle Controversy With Railroad Company.

CITY MUST NOT YIELD SAY CLUB LEADERS

Railroad Should be Compelled to Build Station According to Agreement.

A committee, composed of Mayor Hirsch, four councilmen and four members of the Commercial Club, was appointed last night following a discussion of the plans for the new passenger station submitted by the Frisco, to confer with the officials of the railroad in order to bring about a peaceful understanding between the city and the Frisco in regard to the franchise and the erection of the new passenger depot. This committee will meet in the near future to make arrangements for a meeting with the Frisco officials.

After viewing the plans, which were presented to Mayor Hirsch by F. G. Jonah, chief engineer of the Frisco, several days ago, both the councilmen and the members of the Commercial Club came to the conclusion that they were not satisfactory and could not be accepted. The committee which will meet with the Frisco officials, is composed of Councilmen Bowman, Kaess, Schuchert and Vinyard, and Sam Sherman, Judge Edward D. Hays, E. J. Deal and Fred Naeter, representatives of the Commercial Club.

Judge Hays, in a lengthy discussion last night, argued that the City Council should not yield an inch to the railroad company, but insist that the provisions of the contract between the city and the railroad be complied with by the railroad. The city, he said, was entitled to the depot, as required by the ordinance passed five years ago by the City Council.

"The contract entered into by the city and the railroad provides that the latter should build a station at a cost of \$35,000," he said, "and the work was to have been completed at least two years ago. Regardless of the recent increase of the cost of building material, the city can compel the railroad to erect a building which would have cost that amount three or four years ago, even though it would require a larger sum now, because of the increased cost of material."

"The contract was made five years ago, and if the railroad suffers a loss by failing to comply with that contract, it is not the fault of the city. The city should not yield an inch to the railroad, but insist that the railroad build such a building as it could have built three years ago, regardless of how much the structure would cost at this time."

Judge B. F. Davis supported Judge Hays in his view on the relations between the city and the railroad. He said the city could expect the railroad to erect a much more expensive building than was provided for in the ordinance. The money for the building had been set aside by the railroad after the passage of the ordinance, and for that reason, he said, the railroad could well afford to invest at least as much more as the interest would be on the sum of the appropriation.

Aside from that, Judge Davis asserted, the railroad had increased its earnings in Cape Girardeau by virtue of the increase in rates, and should in return treat the city as fair as the city had treated the company. He also urged that the City Council make absolutely no concessions to the railroad company.

Others who urged the city to stand pat on the ordinance regulating the construction of the passenger station, were: Clyde Vandivort, Wm. H. Stubblefield, E. J. Deal and Fred Naeter. Mr. Vandivort said that several cities in Southeast Missouri had new passenger stations. Many of these cities were much smaller than Cape Girardeau, and he said these buildings were superior to the depot the Frisco proposed for Cape Girardeau. He opposed a concrete building, and advocated a stucco or terra cotta structure.

Mr. Deal and Mr. Stubblefield said the fact that the railroad had increased its revenue from the city should be a sufficient reason for the railroad to compensate the city by building a modern and first-class passenger station.

Mr. Naeter reviewed the controversy between the railroad and the city for the past several years. He said he met Mr. Jonah in St. Louis two years ago and was shown the plans the Frisco had drawn at that time for the proposed station in Cape Girardeau.

These plans were for a two-story brick building. He urged the city to insist that the railroad give the city a building that would accommodate the passenger traffic which was growing rapidly every year. At the conclusion of his address, he exhibited a photograph of a passenger station of an eastern railroad which had been pronounced by several experts as the most suitable building for a city like Cape Girardeau.

None of the seven councilmen present expressed his opinion in the matter. Only members of the Commercial Club took part in the discussion. At the suggestion of Mayor Hirsch, City Counselor Knehan explained the status of the franchise between the city and the railroad. He read a laconic letter which he received yesterday morning from W. F. Evans, general solicitor of the Frisco, informing him that the franchise granted the railroad years ago had not been accepted by the reorganized company.

He then outlined the provisions of the ordinance, pertaining to the erection of the passenger station, and advised that no action be taken until the Frisco had accepted the franchise. "At this time we must consider the railroad an outlaw, with no right in our community," he declared. "If we enter into negotiations with the railroad, then we recognize the railroad as though it had a franchise with the city to operate its train through Cape Girardeau."

Mayor Hirsch and others disagreed with the City Counselor on this point. The Mayor urged prompt action, stating that the conference between the members of the City Council with the representatives of the Commercial Club and the officials of the railroad could be held, and satisfactory terms be arranged before the railroad accepted the franchise. Then the work on the station could be started immediately after the railroad did accept the franchise. Sam Sherman brought the discussion to an end by making the motion for the appointment of the joint committee.

The following councilmen attended the meeting, which was presided over by Mayor Hirsch: Arthur C. Bowman, Charles Kaess, C. E. Schuchert, August Ruesskamp, Ben Vinyard, Henry Brunke and William H. Medley, and City Clerk R. W. Frissell. The members of the Commercial Club at the meeting were: M. E. Leming, F. J. Martin, Sam Sherman, E. J. Deal, Sam Carter, D'Neen Stafford, Judge Edward D. Hays, Judge B. F. Davis, W. H. Bohnsack Jr., George Bahn, Earl G. Gramling, Fred Naeter, A. H. Muel, A. W. Hinchey, Dennis Scivally, Orren Wilson, Clyde Vandivort, John L. Miller, Dave Harris, Judge William B. Schaefer, John C. Borgard, Clay Lutz, J. N. Crocker, Oscar A. Knehan, William F. Bergmann, William H. Stubblefield Jr., Dr. B. W. Willis, Henry Nussbaum.

## CAPE TEACHERS ARE RE-NAMED BY BOARD

Only Two Instructors are Not Re-appointed—Bond Issue Asked.

All teachers of the public school were reappointed yesterday evening by the School Board in the regular meeting, held at Central High School, excepting the teacher for mathematics and supervisor of writing. Neither Louis Lush nor Miss Alma Wolters, who held these positions during the year, were applicants for re-appointments. The vacancies will be filled later.

Owing to the fact that only four members of the board were present, matters of importance were not discussed. The special tax election, which will be held May 1, for the second building fund, was discussed at length. It was decided not to make a campaign for the issue, but leave the decision to the vote of the people.

Some of the improvements in and around several schools were discussed. If the special tax of 10 cents is passed, these improvements will be made of the money the School Board will receive from the special tax fund. Some of the bonds resting upon the public school can be wiped out if the special tax is passed.

The commencement exercises for the Central High School will be held May 18, it was decided. The celebration will be only for the students of the high school. No exercises will be held for the grammar school, owing to the fact that so many children of the lower grades of the grammar schools have been absent because of an epidemic of measles.

Beginning Thursday the work of the children during the past year will be exhibited at the Central High School. The work is open for inspection for the parents of the children and those who are interested in the schools.

## BASEBALL SEASON OPENS NEXT SUNDAY

Capahas to Meet Illmo at Fairgrounds—Schedule for S. E. Mo. League Announced.

The Southeast Missouri baseball season will open Sunday, with a contest between the Capahas and Illmo at the Fairgrounds. Cairo will go to Sikeston to inaugurate the season.

Manager Craig of the Illmo nine has organized a strong team, and fans expect the opening game here will be a contest all the way. Manager Barkamp of the Cape Girardeau wrecking crew, says the pennant is his. He believes the Capahas are stronger this year than ever before. The games scheduled for the coming year, as announced by Leon Haman, secretary of the Capahas, follow:

April 29—  
Illmo at Cape Girardeau.  
Cairo at Sikeston.  
May 6—  
Cape Girardeau at Cairo.  
Sikeston at Illmo.  
May 13—  
Sikeston at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Cairo.  
May 20—  
Cape Girardeau at Sikeston.  
Cairo at Illmo.  
May 27—  
Cape Girardeau at Illmo.  
Sikeston at Cairo.  
June 3—  
Cairo at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Sikeston.  
June 10—  
Illmo at Cape Girardeau.  
Cairo at Sikeston.  
June 17—  
Cape Girardeau at Cairo.  
Sikeston at Illmo.  
June 24—  
Sikeston at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Cairo.  
July 1—  
Cape Girardeau at Sikeston.  
Cairo at Illmo.  
July 8—  
Cape Girardeau at Illmo.  
Sikeston at Cairo.  
July 15—  
Cairo at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Sikeston.  
July 22—  
Illmo at Cape Girardeau.  
Sikeston at Illmo.  
July 29—  
Cape Girardeau at Cairo.  
Sikeston at Illmo.  
August 5—  
Sikeston at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Cairo.  
August 12—  
Cape Girardeau at Sikeston.  
Cairo at Illmo.  
August 19—  
Cape Girardeau at Illmo.  
Sikeston at Cairo.  
August 26—  
Cairo at Cape Girardeau.  
Illmo at Sikeston.

## MRS. SCHLEGEL TO BE BURIED TODAY

Died Yesterday Morning at Her Daughter's Home—One of Counties Oldest Residents.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Schlegel, who died at her home early Wednesday morning, will be held this afternoon at the Eiseleben Cemetery, near Illmo. Mrs. Schlegel, perhaps one of the oldest residents of Cape County, died after an illness of several months, caused by an attack of dropsy. She was almost 90 years old, having been born Aug. 7, 1826.

The cortege will leave the home of her son-in-law, Henry Suedekum, on the Bloomfield road, at 12:30 o'clock. The funeral services will be held by Rev. Henning, pastor of the German Evangelical Church of Gordonville. The services at the cemetery will be said by Rev. Hilpert of Illmo.

Mrs. Schlegel is survived by three sons, John, William and August, and two daughters, Mrs. Henry and August Suedekum. Besides these she leaves 33 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Fred Schlegel, preceded her in death 21 years ago. Her youngest son, George Schlegel, died several years ago.

Mrs. Schlegel was born in Baden, Germany, and came to this country while a young girl. She settled in Evansville, Ind., immediately upon her arrival. In 1867 she moved with her family to Scott County, where she lived till 1899, when she took up her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Suedekum.

In spite of her advanced age, Mrs. Schlegel was very active till several months ago, when she became bedridden due to old age. While confined to her bed she developed dropsy, which gradually led to her demise.

## FARMERS URGED TO SETTLE IN S. E. MO.

Frisco Officials Make Campaign to Bring Farmers to Lower Counties of the State.

A campaign to bring settlers to Southeast Missouri has been inaugurated by the immigration department of the Frisco Railroad, and the lower counties of Southeast Missouri. The lands reclaimed by the drainage concern will be turned over to farmers from several Eastern States, who want to purchase small farms in this section of the country. Sam A. Hughes, head of the immigration department of the Frisco, is in the Cape making arrangements with several real estate firms, who own large tracts of land in the lower counties, to convey the farms to the men who are supporting the movement.

The first settlers will be taken to Pemisot, Dunklin and Stoddard counties May 1. The number of the settlers is small, according to Mr. Hughes, but this expedition is the beginning of a new settlement to be established in this section in the fall. Some of the farmers have purchased small tracts of land, while the railroad has made arrangements with several real estate firms to convey some farms to those who have not been able to buy land.

Mr. Hughes told a reporter for The Tribune last night that the Frisco had carried on a campaign for several months in an effort to get farmers from the East and people from the cities to settle in the lower counties of Southeast Missouri. The immigration department, which is directing the campaign, has received numerous requests from farmers living in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana to join the movement.

Most farmers living in the Eastern States have complained of the high prices for farm lands and are anxious to take advantage of the opportunity to buy a farm at a reasonable price. Quite a number of people living in the cities have asked to be enlisted in the new movement.

The reclaimed lands are said to be good for wheat, corn and cotton, according to Mr. Hughes. Most farmers who are willing to join this movement have written the immigration department of the Frisco that they can not leave their property at this time, because they had planted their crops, but would be in a position to make the change in the fall.

For this reason arrangements are being made for the fall campaign, and it is believed that several hundred farmers and their families will settle in the lower counties of Southeast Missouri during the latter part of the year. The convenience in disposing of the farm products at the markets in the larger cities and the comparatively low prices asked for the lands reclaimed by the drainage process are the best inducements, Mr. Hughes contends, for the farmer or anybody else to seek a location in Southeast Missouri.

## AUCTION OF STORE GOODS BRINGS \$230

Constable Sold Stock of Farm Dairy to Satisfy Claims Against Charles Buchanan.

The stock and fixtures of the Farm Dairy store in Haarg, which were sold yesterday by Constable Scivally at a public auction, brought a total of \$230, the constable announced yesterday evening at the conclusion of the sale. The money will be turned over the Cape City Grocery Co., and the Flannigan Fruit Co., to satisfy the claims these firms held against the store.

The Farm Dairy store was conducted by Charles Buchanan, who several months ago, was arrested on a charge of violating the oleomargarine laws and later on a charge of attempted burglary. Several weeks ago three wholesale houses had a writ of attachment issued against the firm for non-payment of some claims. The store was closed the following day after all the perishable goods had been sold at public auction.

Flannigan preferred an open account of \$89 and the Cape City Grocery Co. for \$119 against the Farm Dairy store. All of the stock, consisting mostly of canned goods, and all fixtures, excepting the ice box, were sold. The ice box was mortgaged and could not be disposed of at the sale.

Buchanan is out on bond pending his trial on a charge of attempted burglary. He was arrested two weeks ago in front of the saloon of John Herbst in Haarg by the police together with George Lance who, according to the police, was trying to crawl into the saloon through the transom over the main entrance.

## 4 STREET CLEANER TO BE DISCHARGED

City to Clean Business Streets With Sweeper—West End Cleaners to be Retained.

Beginning next Monday, Street Commissioner Brunke will have the streets swept with the street sweeper which has been kept in the barn in the rear of the police station for several years. The streets of the business districts of the city will be kept clean with the apparatus until arrangements can be made to have all the streets swept.

The innovation will mean an additional expense to the city, according to figures furnished yesterday by Street Commissioner Brunke. It was suggested at the last meeting of the City Council a week ago that this system of cleaning the streets of the city would result in a great saving for the city.

At a meeting held by the members of the Street and Wharf Committee of the City Council several days ago, it was decided to discharge four of the city's street cleaners as soon as the sweeper had been put in operation. The other two in the West End will be retained until arrangements can be made to have all streets swept with the sweeper.

According to the Street Commissioner, two men will be employed to operate the sweeper, which will be drawn by two horses. This will necessitate an expense of at least \$7 per day, the Street Commissioner said, figuring \$3.50 for the team and the same amount for the men operating the machine. In addition to this sum comes the salary of the two street cleaners, who are to be retained, who receive \$1.50 a day, making a total expense of \$10 every day for cleaning streets, whereas the expenditure of the city at present is only \$9 per day, each of the six street cleaners receiving \$1.50 per day.

The Street and Wharf Committee of the City Council is composed of Ben Vinyard, C. E. Schuchert and Henry Brunke. Following their meeting last Monday they authorized the Street Commissioner to discharge four of the city's street cleaners and instructed him to clean the streets with the apparatus beginning next Monday. They contend, that though the proposed system is more expensive, it will be more sanitary and give the city cleaner streets than it had in the past.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to resolutions of the Board of Education of the school district of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, adopted at a meeting thereof, held on Friday, April 6, 1917, that a special school election will be held at the following polling places in the four wards of the city of Cape Girardeau, in said district, to-wit:

1st Ward—Court House.  
2d Ward—Thilenius Bottling Works.  
3d Ward—Merten's Building.  
4th Ward—Wheeler House.

On Tuesday May 1, 1917.

At which the voters of said district will have an opportunity to vote on the proposition that an annual tax of ten cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation be levied on all real and personal property in the school district of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, made taxable under the laws of the State of Missouri, for the purpose of building, repairing and furnishing the school buildings for the school year beginning July 1, 1917. By order of the Board of Education.

L. L. Bowman, Secretary.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Louisa Ristig, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 1st day of February, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the undersigned for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Chas. Blattner, Administrator.

## FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Charlotte Seimers, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to be held at Jackson, Missouri, beginning on the 14 day of May, 1917.

G. F. Seimers, Administrator.



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## "BELL THE CAT"

Owners Urged to Give This Protection to Our Birds.

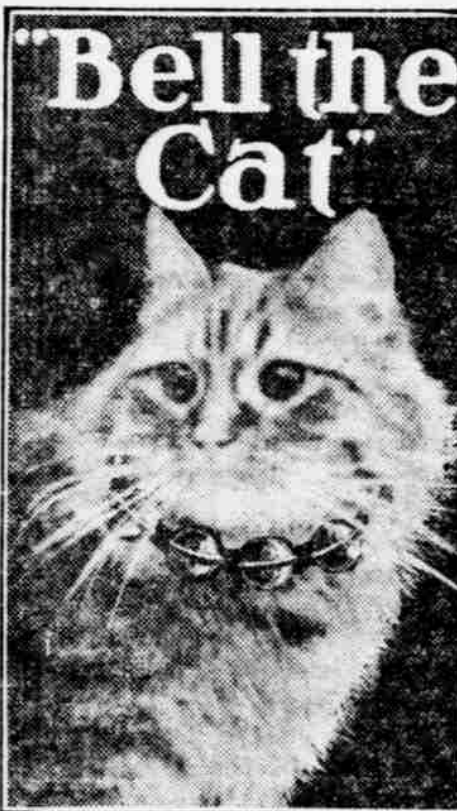


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A movement to bell all cats in an effort to protect the song birds, is being fostered by the Humane Society of Chicago, and the Cape Girardeau organization will be asked to lend its aid.

By placing bells on the house pets, the birds are given an opportunity to escape from the cat. As the cat approaches, the bells ring, thus warning the bird.

The Liberty Bell Bird Club is the name of an organization formed in Philadelphia three years ago. Each anniversary the children of the schools are urged to celebrate the day. Today the club is a national organization with 772,500 members. It is said that there are more than a million cats in the United States now wearing bells, and in three years the song birds of many localities have multiplied in surprising numbers.

Eleven governors issued proclamations making the observance of bird day official in their States. More than 10,000 public schools where the study of birds has been introduced by the club had a part in the celebration.

The necessity for increasing the nation's food yield this summer has called attention to the importance of "bringing back to the birds." Reports show that a large per cent of the birds of the country have been destroyed, and as a consequence the farmers and fruit growers of the country lose \$1,000,000,000 a year by the ravages of insects.

To increase the bird population the Liberty Bell Bird Club is advocating feeding birds in winter, putting up bird houses, establishing bird sanctuaries in every town and the regulation of cats by putting bells on their necks.

## NEGRO BADLY CUT IN LEVEE AFFRAY

Gift Penny, St. Charles Waiter, Stabbed by Burford Smith—Several Girls Slashed.

A free-for-all fight, during which Gift Penny, a colored waiter of the St. Charles Hotel, was seriously cut, and several negro girls were slashed, followed a dance given last night in a hall on the levee, near Themis street. Penny suffered a deep gash across the back of the neck and was stabbed several times in the left arm as he tried to thwart off the blows of his assailant. He was taken to Dr. W. H. Lawrie's office, where his wounds were dressed, and then to his home.

Upon an investigation made by Chief Whitener and Patrolman Freeman, Burford Smith was arrested this morning about 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Johnson, a colored woman, living on Fountain street, south of Good Hope street. He was found in bed by the police, and taken to the police station, where he will be held pending the issuance of a warrant.

The knife with which Smith did the cutting was turned over to the police by Devitt Lane, who wrestled it from the hand of the negro during the fight. The point of the blade was broken off. The knife will be held as evidence against Smith.

Smith told the police that he acted in self-defense. He admitted that he struck at a girl with the knife, but missed her and slashed a girl standing nearby on the left arm. A negro, whose name he refused to give, then drew a gun and Penny also attacked him, he said. He defended himself with the knife, he said.

Smith is the son of "Deacon" Smith, who drives a draywagon. According to the police, he was recently paroled after serving a sentence for burglary. The place in which the dance was held last night was formerly occupied by the Young Brothers, who conducted a poolroom.

According to the story told the police by several eye-witnesses, the fight took place outside the hall on the sidewalk after the hall had been closed. The sidewalk and street were dotted with blood, bearing out the statement of the witnesses. The trail of blood led up Themis street and through the Courthouse yard.

Policeman Freeman walked by the place shortly before the fight started. He was on the corner of Main and Independence when he saw a crowd of negroes walking up Themis street toward the Courthouse. Shortly afterward he was told that a fight had taken place at the dance hall, but when he reached the scene he found everything quiet. In the meantime someone notified Chief Whitener of the affray and gave him the name of the man who wielded the knife during the fight. He communicated with Policeman Freeman and both made a search for Smith. He was finally located at the home of Mrs. Johnson.